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## Germany-Venezuela

**Report That Germany Will Issue an Ultimatum Within Three Days.**

London Press Comment on the Possibilities of War—Britain's Attitude.

London Times Correspondent Thinks United States May Be Involved.

London, Dec. 30.—A despatch to the Central News from Berlin says: It is believed to be certain here that an ultimatum will be issued within three days and that an attack on Venezuela will follow directly after. In addition to the Vineta and the Falk, the training ships, and the cruiser Geier have been ordered to LaGuaira. In the meanwhile, I am officially assured that the German charge d'affaires has not left Caracas, and that diplomatic relations have not yet been broken off. The four parlers continue. An agreement has been reached between Germany and the United States in regard to the German course of action in Venezuela.

London, Dec. 30.—Commenting on the London Times' statement from Washington, that persons of considerable importance in official circles there profess to believe that war between the United States and Germany is inevitable, the St. James Gazette, though it does not believe that such a disaster will be allowed to occur over a dispute in regard to the debts of Venezuela to Germany, says that if it does, there can be no doubt that English sympathies will be with America. At the same time the St. James Gazette expresses the hope that the United States will not allow such a state as Venezuela to gain the impression that they can reckon on the protection of Monrovia if they choose to repudiate their obligations to Europe.

## Important Announcement

**Canadian Smelting Works Will Immediately Establish a Refinery at Trail.**

## Railways and Smelters Agree on Reductions in Freight and Smelter Charges.

Trail, Dec. 28.—(Special)—Mr. W. H. Aldridge has just returned from an extended eastern trip, and states that the Canadian Smelting works will proceed at once with the construction of a refinery at Trail of sufficient capacity to handle the present bullion output of the country. The plant will be to a certain extent experimental, but as soon as it is shown that sufficient bullion can be obtained to insure its becoming a commercial success, it will be enlarged and extended, or possibly another plant will be built at Nelson or on the Coast.

Mr. Aldridge says that all of the metal markets have been most unsatisfactory to miners, smelters and refiners. The fall in lead and silver has affected the receipts of some of the Kootenay lead-silver mines to the extent of \$800,000 annually, comparing the quotations for these metals in January with those at the present time. The smelters have also lost heavily, in buying and selling the precious metals. It is estimated that an average of from four to five months for the smelters to realize upon metals purchased, from the time the ore has been bought from the mines.

The decline in metal prices since the beginning of the year has been approximately as follows:  
 Copper, from 17 1/2 cents to 12 1/2 cents per pound.  
 London lead, from £15 to £10, and silver from 42 cents to 34 cents per ounce.

The railways and smelters are thoroughly alive to the situation, and while London lead is at present prices will join in making a reduction for the coming year in freight and treatment charges on clean lead ores, of \$4 per ton. The smelters are willing to reduce their charges, providing they can be relieved from the danger of incurring further losses due to decline in metals, and as it is generally conceded that the present fall in metal prices is being nearly reached bottom, it would seem entirely fair to the mines to make the change at this time. To accomplish this, it is

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## LANDSLIDE IN VIRGINIA

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 29.—A landslide on the Chesapeake & Ohio railway, near Reussens station, five miles south of Lynchburg, James river branch, today caused a wreck in which the engineer, conductor and baggage car were crushed under the pile of wreckage. Several passengers were killed and several others injured, but none of them seriously. The slide was caused by washouts, due to the heavy rains.

Early reports said that 10 or 12 passengers had been killed, but it is now stated that the passengers got out of the way just in time to escape the landslide when it crashed down over the tracks. The accident occurred between 7 and 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

The name of the conductor who was killed was Capt. Whitaker, and that of the engineer Fisher. Express Messenger Shannon is missing, and it is believed that he was drowned, the water being very high about the scene of the wreck. The fireman, it is said, was not killed and his injuries are not likely to prove fatal. A message from Reussens says the dead will not number more than four or five.

Several passengers from the scene of the wreck say that probably one or two passengers are buried under the debris caused by the slide, but no names can be ascertained of any passengers known to be missing. The train to which the mishap occurred was known as No. 7. It left Lynchburg behind schedule time and consisted of an engine, tender, baggage car and one passenger car, which was pretty well filled with travelers.

It is stated that the train had run into a rock slide without damage, and the trainmen and some of the passengers had succeeded in pushing the passenger car back from under the debris. They were trying to do the same thing for the baggage car when a second heavy slide came down. The car was overturned, and Thompson, Fisher and Shannon were crushed. Conductor Whitaker was knocked into the river and drowned. His body has not been recovered. A shout of warning as the second slide came enabled most of those who were in danger to escape without injury. Passengers expressed their opinion that passengers may have been caught, but so far as can be learned none is known to be missing. All the killed were residents of Richmond.

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proposed that preliminary settlements, involving the payment of 90 per cent. of the proceeds, will be made as soon as results are obtained at the smelter, the final settlement to be made on quotations for metals 90 days after the preliminary settlement. It is proposed to raise the zinc limit from 10 per cent. to 8 per cent., which would mean that on clean lead ores carrying 40 per cent. lead and over, the total reduction in freight and in treatment charges will be \$4 per ton, while on ores containing over 8 per cent. zinc the net reduction will be \$30 per ton.

The above reductions in rates will not compensate the mines for their losses in the decline of metals from the first of the year to the present time, but as the quotations for London lead during the latter part of 1900 and the beginning of 1901 were abnormally high, it is hoped that the mines will find it in their interest to continue operations at these figures. The average price of London lead for a number of years has been between £12 and £13 sterling, and as a reduction of \$4 per ton of ore is equivalent to \$11 per ton of lead, assuming the ore to contain 40 per cent. lead, and that the smelter pays for 90 per cent. this reduction of \$4 would correspond to an increased price for lead in ore of £12 6s., making the present lead quotation on the basis of last year's rates, £12 9s. 9d.

Mr. Aldridge says his company is expending large amounts of money in enlargements and improvements, and will continue to do so in spite of the present temporary depression in the metal markets, believing that there will shortly be an improvement in these prices, and that the production of the silver-lead properties of the country will get back to former figures.

## DEVASTATED BY FLOODS

### Middle and Southern States Suffer From High Water and Storms.

Laurens, Pa., Dec. 29.—A heavy rainfall has been continuous in this section since last evening. All the streams in the county are swollen greatly beyond their volume and Conestoga creek has overflowed its banks to an extent unknown in recent years. The bridge crossing this stream at Englewood is threatened with destruction and traffic on the Lancaster-Strasburg railway, of which the bridge is a link, has been suspended. The bridge has begun to move and it is believed will be washed away. It was erected 75 years ago. High water at the plant of the Lancaster Electric Light company, at Rock Hill, on the Conestoga, affected the system and sections of the city are in darkness tonight.

The Susquehanna river is rising rapidly. At Safe Harbor, where the Conestoga empties, the rise in the river is at the rate of six inches an hour. The tracks of the Port Deposit & Columbia railroad at this point are submerged and much apprehension is felt for property on low-lying ground. At Bald Frank, further down the river, a landslide has occurred, covering the tracks at Columbia and Marietta. The river has not yet risen sufficiently to cause alarm.

IN EASTERN TENNESSEE.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 29.—Incessant rains have fallen the past 48 hours around Knoxville, Tennessee, and threaten to do more damage to property than the disastrous flood of last May, when eight lives were lost and fully \$2,000,000 damage done to railroad and farming property.

The Southern railway has annulled all trains between this city and Nashville on account of washed-out tracks between Newport and Rankin. All through traffic and mail will be handled over the Norfolk & Western. It will be impossible for the Southern to handle trains east, via Asheville, until tomorrow at least, and probably longer, for rain is still falling. The Tennessee river is making a 20-foot mark at this point with indications that it will reach 40 feet and do heavy damage.

HIGH WATER AT PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 29.—Heavy rains for 26 hours here and at all headwater points on both rivers has produced a condition which will result in what may be called a flood stage in the Ohio river by tomorrow, when at least 20 feet is predicted. Timely warning by the weather bureau will be the means of saving much property and only temporary inconveniences are expected by interests along the river fronts.

At midnight the marks at Davis Island and dam showed 14 feet and rising at the rate of four-tenths of a foot an hour. Both the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers are still rising.

## Alaskan Boundary

### British and United States Governments Are Desirous of a Settlement.

Suggestions of a Tripartite Commission to Settle Terms After Negotiations.

### Atlantic Fisheries, Warships on Great Lakes to Be Also Dealt With.

Washington, Dec. 29.—It is expected that efforts will be renewed before long for the settlement of numerous controversies which have long existed between the United States and Great Britain, growing out of relations along the Canadian border, the Atlantic fisheries, warships on the Great Lakes, the Alaskan boundary and other questions. Heretofore the negotiations designed to secure a settlement of the matters recited have not proved effective, largely because of the cumbersome machinery of negotiation, and this has led to a belief that much more could be accomplished by direct negotiations between Secretary Hay and Lord Pauncefoot, on the main points, and the subsequent assembling of a commission representing the United States, Great Britain and Canada, to give form to the basis of the agreement rendered. The British authorities have ordered for some time that when the Isthmian canal treaty was once disposed of, there would be a renewal of the efforts to adjust the Alaskan boundary and other pending questions, the canal treaty being regarded as one of many pending issues.

Now that the British government has yielded the Clayton-Bulwer treaty and other points in the Isthmian negotiations it desires to take up some of the other questions in which they have important interests involved.

LORD PAUNCEFOOT'S DESIRE.

Lord Pauncefoot desires to clear up all pending differences and have "a clean slate" before his present term as ambassador comes to a close. When he came to Washington there were four great issues between the two governments. The first of these was the Behring sea question, which had reached an acute stage. The diplomats disposed of this question. The next was the Venezuela question, which, like the seal question, at one time threatened war. But the efforts of diplomacy were again successful in averting trouble, and bringing about a settlement. The third important issue was on the Isthmian canal, which has been satisfactorily disposed of by the recent Hay-Pauncefoot treaty. This leaves only one issue remaining in order to bring about a "clean slate," namely, the border controversy, both as to Canada and Alaska. The British officials usually link these various boundary controversies together, as they are more or less connected. A present modus vivendi exists as to the Alaskan boundary question, chiefly for the purpose of avoiding a clash along the border and holding each side in check until a final boundary is determined upon. It seems to be conceded on both sides that the modus cannot be carried on indefinitely, and that sooner or later the question of establishing a permanent boundary must be settled. Lord Lansdowne's desire to take up the question was expressed clearly in his note to Secretary Hay last spring, when the British government declined to accept the senate amendment in the first Hay-Pauncefoot treaty.

WISH AGAIN EXPRESSED.

Recently Lord Lansdowne again has expressed in speeches the wish of taking up the Alaskan boundary question. These declarations by the head of the British foreign service, together with the well-known wish of Lord Pauncefoot to clear away all pending differences between the two countries, doubtless will lead to the formal exchanges necessary to an adjustment. Just what steps will be adopted are not disclosed, but it seems likely that direct negotiations and the subsequent assembling of a commission will commend itself to the parties concerned as the most favorable procedure.

The border issues, outside of that relating to Alaska, are those which long have existed and have created more or less friction. The joint high commission which assembled some time ago practically disposed of these lesser issues, but the deadlock of Alaska prevented the treaty covering these other points of agreement. With the disposal of the Alaska boundary, therefore, it is felt that the way would be clear to dispose of the controversies. The reciprocity question, which is among those formerly considered, is not likely to be taken up in this connection, as Canada desires to make it the subject of separate negotiation. The Atlantic fisheries question also may be the subject of separate negotiations.

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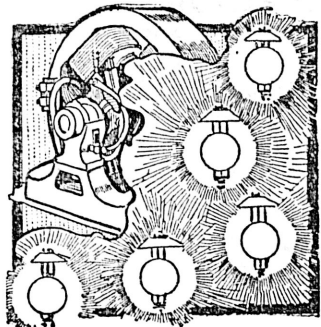
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### THE RETURN TO PEKIN

Preparations For the Reception of Emperor and Empress Are Complete.

Peking, Dec. 29.—A party of Manchurian princes, including Prince Su, collector of taxes on goods entering Peking, started Saturday to meet the Chinese court. Prince Su intends to press his claim to be sent as an envoy to Great Britain upon the occasion of the coronation of King Edward.

The Dowager Empress is making vigorous efforts to assert herself before the Chinese people, with a view to renewing the prestige lost by her during the last few years.

The programme for the court's return to Peking provides that the Emperor shall precede the Dowager Empress to this city in order that he may be enabled to meet the Dowager Empress with great honors at the station when she arrives.

The ministers of the foreign powers at Peking have agreed that when the Chinese court returns here, if they are merely invited to dine with the Emperor, they are to be invited to dine with the Emperor, as was recently stipulated, they will all refuse the invitation.

Two thousand additional Chinese troops entered Peking last Friday.

The Austrians have mounted two large guns upon the fortifications surrounding their legation. The other delegations kept their guns concealed. Already the British are well supplied with artillery, and the Germans can occasionally be seen drilling on their glacis with field and rapid-fire guns; the United States troops, who hold the crucial position at the Cham-Men gate, are not supplied with artillery. With the approval of the United States Minister Conger, Major Robertson, of the Ninth infantry, commanding the legation guard, applied to the war department for two guns. This was refused, because when the department consulted with Mr. Rockhill, special commissioner of the United States here, on the matter, the latter replied that artillery was not needed, and its presence would be harmful.

At Newchuan the Russians have secured control of the telegraph and cables. This action on the part of Russia is causing disputes between that country and the foreign consuls at Newchuan.

**CREATE A SENSATION.**

A sensation has been created in Chinese official circles by a dinner given at his residence by United States Minister Conger, and which was attended by the leading officials of the Chinese foreign office. Among the officials present were Mr. Tung, former boxer leader, and Wang Wen Shao, one of the Chinese plenipotentiaries. The dinner was attended by several American ladies.

It was formerly the custom for prominent Chinese officials never to enter a foreign legation except on the most formal occasions, while the meeting of foreign ladies socially would have been considered as degrading as would association with Chinese women upon the same footing.

This event is significant of the progressive tendency of today, which has recently been manifested in many ways.

**FRANK H. PEAVY DEAD.**

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Frank H. Peavy, one of the best known grain men in the country, died here today of pneumonia, aged 65 years.

**TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY**  
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25 cents. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

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Especially suitable to those who do not like strong flavored whiskies. The extreme softness, mellowness, and fine character are produced by age and high quality.

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### Canadian Despatches

Western Contingent For Mounted Rifles Given Hearty Send-off at Winnipeg.

Canadian Packer's Association Decides to Establish Standards and Grades.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 29.—There were stirring scenes at the C. P. R. depot yesterday afternoon when the British Columbia, Northwest Territories and Manitoba men, recruited for the Canadian Mounted Rifles, departed for Halifax.

The following are the members of the Manitoba contingent: Winnipeg—R. P. Rooke, C. W. Rooke, Fred. Victor Harper, Douglas S. C. Ramsay, W. H. Hales, all ex-Strathcona; David G. Mount, David J. Bond, Brazel, Campbell, Strang, Hugh Watson, A. F. Solly, Dudley de Courcy Hutchinson, G. Archer, T. Archer, L. D. Ingram, W. H. Hunter, H. McLeod, F. Williams, Jas. G. Clark, L. D. Bond, Brandon—Wm. Jefferson, Fred. Clay, David Gallagher, Alan Mitchell, D. C. Hannah, Henry S. Munro, Virden—Fred. B. Hodges, Thos. McMillan, and A. Ross, John Douglas, Alex. Walker, Percy L. Gower, David McAlonan.

Portage La Prairie—Wm. M. Henry, Alex. P. Robertson, W. C. Kingston, Wm. C. Ryan, Harold Price, Robt. Thos. Lewis, Alex. Henry, Bites. Hamilton, Dec. 29.—The Canadian Packer's association concluded its session here today. It decided to establish standards and grades of products of factories will be graded and sold accordingly. It was decided also to seek an export market by establishing stores in England, Scotland, and Ireland.

**BLUNKETT IN TORONTO.**  
Toronto, Dec. 29.—Hon. Horace Plunkett, who was defeated by Col. Lynch, of pro-Broer fame, in celebrated Galtway election, arrived in town Saturday morning. Last evening he was entertained by the National club at dinner.

**POISONED BY ACCIDENT.**  
Bedford, Ont., Dec. 29.—Miss Hamersley took an overdose of carbolic acid solution for sore throat, and died from the effects.

**DAY OF INTERCESSION.**  
Montreal, Dec. 29.—In the Church of England churches today was observed as a day of special intercession for the speedy ending of the war in South Africa.

**LIBERAL ELECTED.**  
St. John, N. B., Dec. 30.—Election took place on Saturday in York County to fill the vacancy caused by unseating Gibson (Liberal) for corruption, by agents and results was the election of Gibson by about 900 majority over Rev. Dr. McLeod (Conservative).

**DIED IN HIS CHAIR.**  
Alameda, Alta., Dec. 30.—James Cudington, aged 48, was found dead in his arm-chair early on Saturday by one of his sons, who was visiting home some furniture. Deceased came here last August from Toronto, but came originally from Brighton, Sussex, England.

**GEN. HALEY'S TERM.**  
No Decision Received from London Regarding Extension.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—(Special)—Government has not received any news of the extension of the term of Gen. O'Grady Haley, which expires on December 31. The general, however, holds office until the decision of the imperial authorities has been received.

A despatch published in the Canada Gazette declares the new title of the King to be in force throughout the Empire.

**SIR WILFRID'S OPINION.**  
London Newspaper Thinks It Will Be of Interest.

London, Dec. 30.—Commenting on an article published in the London Times, stating that secular education in South Africa will only be given in English, the Daily News says the country would be glad to have the opinion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier concerning this doctrine. The News suggests that the reflex influence of such a policy in Canada may be very serious.

Lord Strathcona, on his physician's express orders, has gone to Knebworth. He will return on Tuesday.

**MARCONI'S WIZARDRY.**  
Ocean Liners Exchange Greetings in Mid-Ocean.

New York, Dec. 30.—The Canadian liner steamer Umbria arrived in port this morning after a belated voyage from Liverpool and Queenstown and reported an absence of Christmas greetings by wireless telegraph with the Campanian on the 28th inst.

The Umbria was also in communication with the Euribia on Christmas morning. The instruments came in touch at 10:25 o'clock. They kept up the communication for two hours and twenty five minutes. The minimum distance was 4 miles, the maximum 87 miles.

**FIGHT IN FORMOSA.**  
One Hundred Killed in Battle With Rebels.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 30.—According to advices from the Orient a party of 105 coolies engaged in transporting supplies to the Japanese troops in Formosa were killed in November and 20 of them were killed. Nineteen were captured. Japanese troops and police were sent against the rebels. A pitched battle took place in which more than 100 were killed, the heaviest losses being on the side of the rebels.

**GEN. YAMAGUCHI RESIGNS.**  
Yokohama, Dec. 30.—General Baron Yamaguchi, who commanded the Japanese troops in China, has resigned the command of the Fifth division of the Japanese army. The general's action was due to the fact that the charges of looting had been brought against him.

**MARCONI AT MONTREAL.**  
Montreal, Dec. 29.—Signor Marconi, the inventor of wireless telegraphy, arrived here today. He is en route to Ottawa, whither he is going to consult the Canadian government and to thank the officials for the assistance given him.

**BRITISH PRISONERS RELEASED.**  
London, Dec. 29.—The War office has received a despatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Johannesburg, saying that the British prisoners captured when the Boers successfully rushed Colonel Firth's camp at Zeebosen, December 24, have been liberated and returned to Bethlehem.

**DEATH OF MRS. FITZPATRICK.**  
New York, Dec. 30.—A despatch to the Herald from London announces the death of Mrs. J. A. FitzPatrick, mother of Mr. Chester A. Arthur and Comptroller Arthur D. C. Arthur. Her body will be taken to California for interment.

### Constipation Headache, biliousness, heartburn, indigestion, and all liver ills are cured by

**Hood's Pills**

Sold by all druggists. 25 cents.

### WAS MURDER INTENDED?

Two Shots Fired Into Superintendant Faulds House at South Wellington.

Nanaimo, Dec. 30.—(Special)—What looks like an attempt to shoot Supt. Faulds of South Wellington occurred last night about half-past seven o'clock.

Two shots from a Winchester rifle were fired through the pantry window of Mr. Faulds' house. After going across the pantry they penetrated the wall into the next room and then across it and through another into a bedroom. No one was injured. The provincial police have the matter in hand. No clue exists as to the perpetrators of the murderous deed, the supposition being that the act was done by some one thrown out of work at the mines, the miners attaching the blame for this upon Faulds.

A foreigner from Union, who was sentenced to eight months in the jail here, upon a charge of brutally treating his wife, today attempted to drown himself. While working with a gang near the water he separated himself from the rest of the men and threw himself into the bay. Some Indians who were near succeeded in rescuing him after he had been in the water about 10 minutes. He had attempted to cut his wrists with a knife, apparently to make sure of drowning himself. He had served about half his sentence.

Dr. S. P. Tominie of Victoria is here, inspecting the dairy cows and dairies in this district, under regulations of the provincial government.

Titanic, the collier, now in port from San Francisco, reports that the storm was not nearly so great down the coast as in these waters.

Ald. Cocking has decided to contest the mayoralty in the coming election. Mayor Manson will seek re-election.

Mama—Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today.

Johnnie—Well, then, I'll eat the rest of the pie now—Baltimore World.

Macdonald has a population of about 4,000,000. Three-fourths are Christians and one-fourth Turks. No very large number of Belgian ancestry.

You can buy today over 150 shares of Similkameen Valley Coal Co., Ltd. stock with one share of Crow's Nest Co. stock. A few years ago this stock cost less than 25c per share.

### NOTICE.

The undersigned is authorized to state for general information that His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, will be at Home to visitors on New Year's Day between the hours of 3 and 5 p. m.

By command, R. B. POWELL, Private Secretary.

### WHOLESALE GROCERY STOCK FOR SALE

**VICTORIA**

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned at a rate on the dollar up to 12 noon on the

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### NOTICE.

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Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 30 and 31.

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MONDAY ... "THE MOUNTBANK" TUESDAY ... "JULIUS CAESAR"

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### VICTORIA THEATRE

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### VICTORIA THEATRE

Friday, Jan. 3rd

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## THE MAMMOTH

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Just now most minds are bent upon the somewhat difficult, though always pleasing problem of what to select, how to obtain, and where to procure, the many things required to gladden their friends and families. It is a time when long pocket-books seem short, and short ones microscopic. We present the following suggestions for gifts in order to help answer the perplexing question in regard to

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Elegant line of Bows, Tecks, Four-in-Hands and Imperials.

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Silk and Linen in plain, fancy and initialed.

**COLLAR AND CUFFS**

All styles and qualities.

**UNDERWEAR**

All weights, grades and colors.

**SILK SUSPENDERS**

An endless variety of patterns and colors, splendidly mounted; put up one in a box.

**WHITE AND COLORED SHIRTS**

The latest creations.

**HATS**

The latest style Fedoras in black, brown, pearl, cedar, Oxford and steel.

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All shades, styles and qualities.

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### To the Electors of South Ward

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:  
At the urgent request of a large number of ratepayers, I beg to announce myself as a candidate for alderman for re-election in the South Ward, and would most respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

JOHN HALL.

### TO THE ELECTORS OF NORTH WARD

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:  
I beg to announce myself as a candidate at the ensuing municipal election of aldermen, for the North Ward, and respectfully solicit your support.

GEORGE J. DEVEES.

### VICTORIA CITY, SOUTH WARD

TO THE ELECTORS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:  
I beg to announce myself as a candidate at the ensuing municipal election of aldermen, for the South Ward, and respectfully solicit your support.

THORNTON FELL.

### TO THE ELECTORS OF CENTRAL WARD

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:  
At the solicitation of a large number of electors, I beg to announce myself a candidate at the ensuing election of aldermen for the Central Ward, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

Yours Respectfully,  
THOS. L. WORTHINGTON.

### To the Electors of South Ward.

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
I beg to announce myself a candidate at the forthcoming election of aldermen for the South Ward, and to solicit your vote and influence.

I shall take pains before the election to place my views on municipal matters before you.

December 14, 1901. G. H. BARNARD.

### To the Electors of the Central Ward.

At the request of a number of citizens I have decided to offer myself as a candidate at the ensuing election of aldermen for the Central Ward, and solicit your support.

December 14th, 1901. A. P. LUNTON.

### TO THE ELECTORS OF SOUTH WARD

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:  
I beg to announce myself a candidate at the forthcoming election of aldermen for the South Ward, and respectfully solicit the favor of your vote and influence.

F. W. VINCENT.

Victoria, B. C., December 19th, 1901.

### TO THE ELECTORS OF NORTH WARD

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:  
At the request of a large number of rate payers I have consented to become a candidate for alderman in the North Ward at the coming municipal election, and ask your vote and influence.

H. M. GRAHAME.

Victoria, B. C., 21st Dec., 1901.

### TO THE ELECTORS OF CENTRAL WARD

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:  
I beg to announce myself as a candidate at the ensuing election of aldermen for the Central Ward, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

WM. HUMPHREY.

December 21st, 1901.

### To the Registered Voters of Central Ward.

The undersigned will be a candidate in the above Ward at the election to be held on the 10th January next. Your votes and influence will be appreciated.

R. T. WILLIAMS.

### NOTICE

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City Engr.

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## New Steamers For Sound Run

**Puget Sound Navigation Company Building Vessels to Run to Victoria.**

**Five Steamers Will Be Built—Cottage City Back From the North.**

Another steamer will be placed on the Victoria-Sound route and the Garland will have opposition on the Victoria-Port Angeles run. The Puget Sound Navigation Company is to build five new steamers. They will cost in the aggregate not less than \$300,000. The plans, which are already drawn, provide for vessels of the same general type of the Seattle, Rosalie, which is now owned and operated by the Puget Sound Navigation Company between Seattle and Victoria. One is to be 50 feet longer, or 200 feet in length, than the Rosalie, and will be operated on the Victoria run in conjunction with the latter vessel, thus doubling the company's Seattle-Victoria service. This vessel will have a 40-foot beam, and as with all of the rest be supplied with triple expansion engines and up-to-date machinery, having a guaranteed speed of 15 statute miles an hour.

For the Noah bay run almost a duplicate of the Rosalie has been planned. She will be of the same length, 150 feet, 28 feet beam, but equipped with still better machinery than the Rosalie. Her guaranteed speed is 15 land miles per hour. The other three vessels are to be each 115 feet in length, 22 feet beam and nine feet eight inches depth of hold. Their guaranteed speed is also 15 miles an hour. Money will be spared in order to obtain the rapid construction of the vessels. It is hoped to have all five in commission before the close of the summer.

The contract awarded the Puget Sound Navigation Company involves four distinct mail runs. They are known as the Seattle, Port Angeles, Port Townsend, and Victoria runs. The Seattle run is as principal mail points Port Townsend, Port Williams, Dungeness, Victoria, Clallam, Port Crescent and Neah bay. On the Port Angeles run the principal towns of Victoria, Port Angeles, Port Williams, Dungeness and Port Townsend. Port Madison, Port Nambly, Port Ludlow, Kingston and Port Townsend are the principal mail points of call on the Port Townsend run. The island run takes in all of the principal ports on the San Juan Islands.

**COTTAGE CITY ARRIVES.**  
Encountered Heavy Storm on Saturday Night in Millbank Sound.

Steamer Cottage City returned from the North yesterday, a day late on her voyage from Alaska ports. Although she did not encounter the heavy gale of Christmas night, which evidently did her extended northward voyage, the Alaskan liner encountered a heavy storm on Saturday night when crossing Millbank sound and she had to put in to Carter bay for shelter, and lay there all night with two anchors down. The Cottage City brought no news of any wreck or of any overdue or distressed craft. When she left Juneau no further news was received from the long overdue steamer. Discovery for which fears are entertained. The discovery is two months overdue on her voyage from Dutch harbor to Juneau. The steamer failed to reach the port, a few of whom were from Dawson. The passengers from the inside report that the trail is now in good condition and messages are running regularly. Travel is light, however, on the Yukon trail, the number of people going in and out not being as large as at the same time last year. Business in Dawson is said to be dull. While the cable is in progress on some of the creeks, but not to as great an extent as last winter.

Rev. Mr. McCrea died of asphyxiation at Dawson, December 6. His death was due to the escape of gas from a small gasoline engine.

T. L. Rutherford, a Dawson passenger, says the Canadian Development Company's stages are now in regular communication with the White Pass and Yukon route, thus enabling passengers to make a continuous trip either way between Seattle and Dawson.

The jury for the Bird murder case retired for deliberation the day the Seattle left Juneau, December 24. The trial was begun about two weeks ago at Juneau.

**VALUABLE INVENTIONS.**  
New Life Saving Buoy and Plan for Coaling at Sea.

Peter H. Peterson, formerly of Juneau, has invented a "marine-ship-lift" and life-saving buoy, on which he has applied for a patent. He claims that the buoy will point out and indicate the exact locality where a vessel may have gone to the bottom, and will at the same time raise a flag on the buoy. It may also be used in the case of a life-saving device. In addition, the cable attachment, it is said, will be of important use to stranded vessels as a cable can be taken to a lee shore when all other methods fail to accomplish the result. The buoy is to be placed on the hurricane deck of a vessel and is to carry a cable that is attached to each deck, so that, if the ship goes to pieces, it will still remain fast to some part.

Mr. Peterson is also the inventor of a plan for coaling at sea which he has offered to the government. By it, it is claimed, cargoes can be exchanged at sea in all kinds of weather while the vessels are at half speed, and in case of emergency, at full speed. Mr. Peterson has not yet received a reply from the offer.

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## MORE SEA-GOING SHIPS.

Insurance Companies Recognize Shipping Importance of This Coast.

"The growth of deep-sea shipping in North Pacific ports," said N. Gillard, a London marine insurance man, in an interview given to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, "has become of such importance as to draw the attention of business men in all parts of the world. Only a few years ago Washington and Oregon navigation business was only local and coastwise. Occasionally a deep-sea tramp bottom would make one of the larger ports."

"In our line of business, marine insurance on ocean-going steamers, we have been forced to recognize Seattle, Victoria, Portland and Tacoma's shipping by its great growth. This increase, amounting to so much, in such a short number of years, is of great promise for the future of coast cities."

"In talking with shipping men from both coasts, I have heard many opinions of the maritime commerce in Pacific ports. It is nearly every case and with one exception, highly favorable. A future business of great proportions is a general prediction."

## FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

Steamer City of Puebla Has Good Passage—Unsettled Sails.

Steamer City of Puebla arrived on Sunday afternoon after a good passage from San Francisco. She did not sight any shipping or wreckage and her officers were surprised to hear of the heavy gale which did not reach San Francisco. The Puebla brought a very light cargo, and her freight for Victoria was meagre. She had 52 passengers, eight of whom departed here.

Steamer Unatilla sailed south last night. The passengers for the Golden Gate who embarked here were: W. W. McIntosh, D. P. Adams, A. M. Sutton and wife. They were bound for San Francisco. Lorna Sutton Mrs. G. A. Sutton, H. A. White, Mrs. W. Dodd.

## FIRE EXTINGUISHED.

Shinano Maru Is Now Free From Threatened Danger.

The fire on the Shinano Maru has been extinguished. At daybreak Sunday not a vestige of the smoldering embers, which for a week threatened the destruction of the ship, remained. The ship is not injured in the least, though the damage to her cargo and loss of business through the delay in the voyage has been told in short sentences. It will be difficult to estimate, those in charge of the work say, the exact damage to the cargo. Some think it may reach \$100,000.

The sinking of the Shinano fire has been a troublesome task. It was accomplished only through the tireless efforts of Capt. W. H. Cope, commander of the vessel, aided by the crew, a force of 140 men, and the fireboat Snooty. The suspense under which Capt. Cope labored from the discovery of the fire at 11:30 o'clock, December 22, until he reached Port Townsend, was very great. Throughout the return voyage the Shinano, so far as her officers knew, was liable to burst into flames any moment, a catastrophe which would have meant the certain death of nearly 200 people and the loss of the ship and her \$500,000 cargo.

Beyond the fact that it seemed certain that the origin of the fire was in No. 1 or the forward hold of the ship, those making the battle against the flames had nothing to guide them. They were confronted with a blinding and at times choking smoke, which rendered the work of removing the cotton bales difficult in the extreme. The deeper down into the hold they delved the thicker the smoke.

During Saturday's operations a great blaze burst forth as a bale of cotton was hoisted out, and for a moment threatened to envelop the ship. Water was quickly turned on, and in a few moments it had been extinguished. Late Saturday night the seat of the fire was located. It was found in bales of cotton beneath a layer of long structural iron posts and 11 feet down in the between-deck space of the forward hold. The Shinano turned on a stream of water, and within a few minutes every vestige of the fire disappeared. Meanwhile more than 1,000 bales of cotton, all more or less damaged either by fire, smoke, steam or water, had been removed, as also large quantities of structural steel, machinery and general freight. There is still a small shipload of freight in the forward hold. Of cotton alone it contained 1,600 bales. Much of this is large consignments of structural steel, machinery and general freight. Scores of the bales of cotton were hoisted from the vessel.

Even rolling the bales in the sand and not always prove an effective method of smothering the fire, which in many instances had eaten its way into the heart of the bale. It had bored a veritable auger-hole of fire in some. While cotton is highly inflammable, where it is closely pressed or packed experience has shown that it often burns slowly. This was especially true of the Shinano disaster.

About 600 bales remain in the forward hold, which will be removed today, as also the rest of the freight in that part of the vessel. All structural steel, machinery and hardware is being lighted to scows. With the freight removed, a survey of No. 1 hold is to be made. As soon as this is completed it will be filled with the freight in No. 2 hold, provided that cargo is found uninjured.

The Shinano, those in charge of the work believe, will be ready to sail again by Thursday or Friday.

## A TOTAL WRECK.

The schooner Minnie A. Caine, which went on the Smith island rocks during the storm Thursday, will probably be a total loss. Such is the opinion of Capt. Caine and Capt. F. J. Burns, the latter representing the marine underwriters.

Capt. Caine, principal owner of the vessel; Capt. Burns, Robert Moran and A. B. Burns took the tug Wallawalla from Seattle on Sunday and made an inspection.

The first westerly wind will break the schooner to pieces. She is well up on the beach—15 feet above water at low tide, and in the midst of boulders, though a portion of the vessel is sinking into the sand. Her bottom is filled with holes, and the keel is exposed.

Pending a further consultation of the owners, Capt. Caine will have the vessel stripped of her furnishings, which were removed by the crew. A tug has gone to the scene of the wreck to take the equipment saved to Seattle.

## CABLES BROKEN.

The wires are still down. Both the Western Union and C. P. R. cables were found to have been broken. The Western Union's dragging anchor tore up the C. P. R. cable in English Bay and that of the Western Union was broken by the dragging anchor of the ship Santa Clara. The land division has been repaired, but when the repairs to the cables will be completed is not known. The telephone wire to William Head is up as far as Colwood.

## MARINE NOTES.

The Walla Walla, which left here the night of the storm, arrived in San Francisco on Saturday at 12 o'clock. The steamer Glenary loaded 2,500 cases of salmon for England at the Outer wharf yesterday, the salmon being taken in from the barge Georgian which lay alongside. The Georgian arrived from the Orient on Saturday and leaves today for Tacoma. She leaves in a few days for England via the Orient.

Re M. S. Empress of India sailed this morning for Yokohama. The steamer Tosa Maru will sail this afternoon carrying 6,000 tons of cargo, including 12,000 bales of cotton. The Kaga Maru, a sister liner is due today.

## THE STORM'S CRUEL WORK

Two More Deaths Reported—New Sawmill at Coal Harbor—Gold Discovered.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 30.—(Special Correspondence.)—Another death has been reported as indirectly due to the storm. Robert Yuile walked from Westminster to Lulu Island to see a friend and about 8 in the evening Mr. Yuile started to walk home. Being tired he had fallen asleep in a field, the convulsions of the day made his sleep sound. The storm came and he shivered on, passing from his natural sleep to the sleep that knows no waking.

Another fatality, resulting from the storm, was that of the sudden death of Mr. Geo. Clarke, who was killed at Sechart by the falling of a tree blown down by the wind. The tree crashed into the shack where Mr. Clarke was sleeping. It is thought that he was killed while he slept.

There was a masonic service on Sunday in the new Wesley church, Georgia street, under the auspices of Mount Hermon lodge. There was a good turn out of members of other lodges, which was very gratifying to the members of the lodge. The service was conducted by the Worshipful Past Chaplain, Dr. Whittington, conducted the service.

A building permit for the erection of a saw mill on Coal Harbor to cost \$25,000 was granted on Thursday afternoon. The mill will be built by the Pacific Coast Lumber Company, in which J. G. Scott and Theo. Ludgate are stockholders. The mill, it is said, will be one of the largest of the coast, having a deep water frontage of 900 feet. This frontage will be obtained by wharves, being built out to deep water. The machinery has been ordered from the Wm. Hamilton Manufacturing Co. of Seattle, and will cost over \$48,000. Needless to say the machinery will be the most modern in the market. Contractor Charles Cates has a pile driver and derrick on the ground and commenced driving piles today.

Gold bearing quartz has been discovered within a short distance of Vancouver. The vein is said to be four feet wide on the surface, and where uncovered is studded with free gold and silver. The exact whereabouts of the find is being kept secret. Very rich specimens are on exhibition at the Leland hotel. These specimens contain very high values in tellurium, gold and silver.

## Local News

Police Court.—There were only three cases in the city police court yesterday morning. A drunk was fined \$5 and a vag was given time to leave the city.

Watchnight Services.—The usual watchnight services will be held this evening in many of the city churches. The services at St. James church, James bay, will commence at 11:30, and there will be a short address by Rev. W. Bangh Allen. At the Metropolitan Methodist church the service will commence at 11 o'clock and Rev. Elliott S. Howe will deliver the address.

Stratford-Manson.—The residence of Capt. Christensen, the well known Nainimo pilot was the scene of a pretty wedding last night, when, in the presence of a party of friends Rev. A. P. Blyth tied the knot which linked the lives of Frank Stratford, son of H. Stratford, shipcarpenter of Victoria West and Miss Helen Manson, housekeeper of Capt. Christensen and formerly of Scotland. Mr. Arthur Stratford, brother of the groom acted as best man and Misses D. Robinson and H. Port were bridesmaids. The bride, prettily veiled, was given away by Capt. Christensen. The newly married couple, who were the recipients of a goodly array of useful and handsome presents, will take up their residence in Victoria on their return from their honeymoon trip.

## TOOK OATH OF OFFICE.

Hon. Henry McBride Succeeded Gov. Rogers of Washington.

Olympia, Wn., Dec. 28.—Lieut. Governor Henry McBride was sworn in as governor of Washington, in the Supreme court room, by Chief Justice Reavis, in succession to Gov. Rogers, who died on the 26th inst.

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1901.

The year which closes today has in  
many respects been notable, but to the  
British people it will always occupy a  
conspicuous place in national annals,  
because it witnessed the death of that  
great and beloved lady, who for so many  
years wielded the sceptre of those  
realms. Time passes so quickly that  
one hardly realizes that in a few weeks  
we shall write 2 Edward VII., but it  
is true that nearly a year has passed  
since the great Queen passed to her rest.  
So well-adjusted are all the parts of  
the political machinery of the Empire,  
that the Crown passed from Victoria to  
Edward without the slightest friction  
having been occasioned, and none will  
deny that her sound common-sense and  
thorough appreciation of constitutional  
principles did more than any other one  
agency to make such a thing possible.

The assassination of President McKin-  
ley casts a ghastly shadow over a  
year in other respects bright with much  
that is full of hope and promise for  
humanity. In the most ancient of exist-  
ing empires death claimed a conspicuous  
victim in the person of Li Hung Chang,  
who for so long a time has stood to the  
Occident as the representative of the  
genius of China. It would be difficult  
to select a year in which three persons  
as closely in touch with the sentiments  
of their respective countries and with  
world-wide fame as Victoria, McKinley  
and Li Hung Chang were taken from the  
field by their labors.

The tour of the British royalties was  
of itself sufficient to make the year  
memorable as far as the Empire is  
concerned, and is worthy of more gen-  
eral reference, because it affords evi-  
dence of an increasing disposition on the  
part of reigning families to participate  
in the actual work of government. We  
do not care to generalize from insuffi-  
cient data, but one might be excused  
for supposing that the trend of events  
in 1901 has not been towards the exalta-  
tion of the Democracy, but rather in the  
other direction. In the United  
States the augmentation of the powers  
of combined capital has been notable  
and the year has been rather disastrous  
for labor combinations. A feature of  
the year, which will have far-reaching  
effects, is the beginning of an attempt  
to deal internationally with Anarchists  
and Nihilists. This taken in connection  
with the movement above referred to  
may have a far more profound effect  
upon social and political conditions than  
may be at present apparent. Imperial-  
ism, in more senses than one, appears  
to be in the ascendant.

It has been a year of war clouds.  
South Africa and the Philippines have  
been enveloped in them, although they  
are growing lighter in both cases. They  
have been temporarily lifted from China,  
but only temporarily. They have hover-  
ed for months all over Western South  
America. Their shadow has fallen upon  
Turkey, Persia and France. The year  
closes with storm signals up in more than  
one locality. Those who expected the  
Millennium in the Twentieth Century,  
will receive little encouragement from  
the record of 1901.

So far as we, who stand near at hand,  
can judge, the most far-reaching achieve-  
ment of the year was the successful

transmission of messages by electricity  
and without wire across the Atlantic  
ocean. Such a deed opens a vista of  
immense possibilities, and splendidly  
inaugurates what has been prophesied  
to become the Electrical Century. It  
has already been suggested by one dis-  
tinguished essayist that we are on the  
eve of a discovery that will be as revo-  
lutionary in its effects as it will be  
startling in its nature, but which will  
explain much that has been mysterious  
and been classed as supernatural.

From the standpoint of finance and  
business, in a world-wide sense, 1901  
has not been wholly favorable. Some  
indications are apparent that the tide,  
which for some years has been setting  
so strongly towards prosperity has be-  
gun to turn. The change is very marked  
in Germany, and is apparent in the  
United States. In Canada there is little  
evidence of it, and those, who have their  
fingers on the pulse of trade, say there  
is no reason to anticipate anything of  
the kind here. But we shall reserve  
Canada in 1901 for treatment in a sepa-  
rate article.

## THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

The Monroe Doctrine, as originally  
laid down, was something to which no  
reasonable exception could be taken.  
It was in effect that the American Con-  
tinent was no longer a theatre for con-  
quest by European powers, but that  
the several nations between whom the  
area was divided were to be left free to  
choose their own form of government.  
President Monroe did not declare that  
no European nation should thereafter  
acquire territorial rights in America,  
but only that the United States would  
regard "as an unfriendly act" any at-  
tempt by any power to impose a govern-  
ment upon any of the people of the  
New World "without their consent." There  
would be nothing inconsistent  
with such a declaration in the assumption  
by Germany of, for example, the  
sovereignty over Brazil, provided the  
people of Brazil so desired. President  
Monroe did not contemplate setting up  
his country as the guardian of or sponsor  
for the several republics of Central  
and South America. He did not take  
those countries under the protection of  
the United States. It was not con-  
cerned about their welfare which  
prompted him, but a desire to protect  
his own country from the schemes of  
the Holy Alliance, the step having been  
taken at the suggestion and with the  
promise of the support of Great Britain.  
We remind Colonist readers of these  
things because more than one cloud is  
apparent in the foreign relations of the  
South American countries, which may  
easily develop into a serious storm in-  
volving European powers.

During the Venezuelan dispute an ex-  
aggerated interpretation was put on  
President Monroe's declaration by the  
press and public men of the United  
States, which was supported to some ex-  
tent by the truculent language employed  
by Mr. Cleveland, but President McKin-  
ley showed that he was more reasonable  
in his ideas, and we fancy that a level-  
headed man, like President Roosevelt,  
is unlikely to be carried away by ex-  
treme views upon a question involving  
such grave responsibilities. Moreover  
there must be two parties to such an  
arrangement as the American Jingoism  
would like to see carried into effect.  
They would have the United States as-  
sume, to all intents and purposes, the  
control of the foreign relations of every  
country on this Continent, but before  
this could be done, each of the countries  
would have to consent to the assump-  
tion, and such evidence as is available  
is to the effect that consent would not  
be given. Indeed Chili has very em-  
phatically declared that she does not  
propose to tolerate interference in her  
affairs, as a matter of right, by any  
nation whatever. This declaration was  
made some five or six years ago and took  
the form of a suggestion to the other re-  
publics of South America that they  
should take joint action to prevent any  
interference on the part of the United  
States, inconsistent with the fact that  
they are free and independent govern-  
ments.

Readers should remember that the  
Monroe Doctrine is not an article of in-  
ternational law nor the outcome of any  
treaty. It has never been assented to by  
any other government than that which  
propounded it, although Great Britain  
not only proposed it, but may be taken  
to have tacitly acquiesced in it. Even  
the United States itself is not commit-  
ted to any application of it to any ques-  
tion which does not involve territorial  
acquisition on this Continent by a Euro-  
pean power.

## MR. HIGGINS' LETTER.

Mr. Higgins is extremely unfair. He  
abuses the privilege of a correspondent  
by misrepresenting the editorial atten-  
tiveness of the paper to which his letter  
is addressed, although he knows as well  
as anyone that an editor is debarred in  
practice from reiterating the views he  
has expressed. At the same time we  
shall take this opportunity of saying  
that the Colonist on no occasion sug-  
gested that the political status of Brit-  
ish Columbia in respect to Responsible  
Government was any different from  
that of other provinces.

He quotes from the Colonist of August,  
1899, which is proper enough, and we  
do not deny that the quotation applied  
to existing circumstances calls for some  
explanation. The explanation is, that  
the conditions existing now are very  
different to what they were in 1899.  
We have said over and over again that  
the Lieutenant-Governor is justified in  
exercising the prerogative in regard to his  
ministry whenever an emergency exists.  
Such an emergency existed in 1899. Mr.  
Semin had never completed the execu-  
tive council; a gross and scandalous dis-  
pute had occurred between ministers,  
in the course of which no less a charge  
than forgery was frequently made by  
one against the other; there had been an  
extra sessional caucus of government  
supporters, and the forced resignation of  
one of the ministry and political uproar  
existed in all parts of the province. The  
attention of Eastern Canada and such  
circles in England as pay attention to  
British Columbia affairs had been at-  
tracted to what was in progress here,  
and we were told in so many words that  
the province was not fit for representative  
government. Investors everywhere were  
disturbed, and the outlook seemed al-  
most hopeless unless some decisive ac-  
tion was taken by some one having the  
requisite power. It seemed to the Colo-  
nist that this was an occasion when the  
Lieutenant-Governor would be justified

in acting to put an end to conditions  
which he had, by his own unwarranted  
interference in public affairs, precipitat-  
ed. He had forced the Semin ministry  
upon the people, and he thought it was  
his duty to relieve the province of it.  
Nothing of this kind exists today. There  
is no political tumult in the Province;  
there is no administrative scandal. Af-  
fairs are proceeding in the customary  
way and business is not suffering. Under  
these circumstances, there is no occa-  
sion for any extraordinary course to be  
taken by the Lieutenant-Governor. Mat-  
ters may be safely left to the ordinary  
processes of parliamentary action.

Mr. Higgins asks if there is anything  
indecent or unconstitutional in the re-  
quest by the Opposition for the imme-  
diate filling of the vacancies in the  
Executive Council, and the early session  
of the house. Certainly there is not.  
The Opposition have the right to ask  
whatever they think the country re-  
quires, but it is for the Government to  
say how far their request shall be com-  
plied with. Mr. Higgins would have the  
Lieutenant-Governor take advice from  
the Opposition, but he surely knows if  
His Honor did this, it would be equiv-  
alent to the dismissal of his ministry. He  
seems to be unable to distinguish be-  
tween the arguments which a political  
party may address to public opinion and  
the constitutional obligations devolving  
upon the representative of the Crown.

## THE BODWELL FARMS.

The Colonist on Sunday called atten-  
tion to the statements made by Mr. Bod-  
well in his speech regarding the extent  
and possibilities of farming in British  
Columbia for the purpose of exposing  
his claims to superior statesmanship and  
"comprehensive policy." These are, as  
well be seen, founded, not on any ex-  
tensive knowledge of the country, but  
on an ability to frame high sounding  
periods. A man who knows so little  
about the material resources of this  
country as to base a policy on 2,500,000  
farmers with 100 acres each, is scarcely  
the man to inspire confidence in his  
ability to administer the affairs of the  
province at this juncture. Having no  
practical knowledge of the country, a  
theorist, and his optimistic talk about  
the future in which, with the wand of  
a magician, he is to transform the whole  
face of nature, is to mislead his audience  
in all its celestial glory. If our  
readers will take the trouble to peruse  
his speech from beginning to end they  
will not find one practical suggestion  
that has not been borrowed from the  
government's policy or the Colonist's  
columns. When a man undertakes to  
build thousands of miles of railway, in-  
augurate a vast number of industries,  
and populate the province with millions  
of persons without having sat one day  
in parliament, he is presuming vastly  
on the credulity of his audience, and im-  
posing to an amazing extent on their in-  
telligence. His statement about the  
number of farmers he proposes to place  
on farms of 100 acres each is a surpris-  
ing instance of how little he has thought  
out the subjects he has undertaken to  
deal with. Accepting the explanation  
his apologist, the Times, points last  
evening and that the 2,500,000 farmers  
represent a farming population to be  
divided by 4. To give 625,000 families  
100 acres each we will have to  
provide 62,500,000 acres of agricultural  
land. This represents nearly three times  
the area under cultivation in the great  
province of Ontario. No person in his  
sane moments who knows anything of  
the farming resources of the two prov-  
inces would entertain or utter such non-  
sense. It is quite true the Colonist has  
over and over again contended that the  
agricultural possibilities of British Col-  
umbia are much greater than is usual-  
ly believed or understood; but that is  
because the general apprehension has  
been, at least on the outside, that there  
is very little good land in the province.  
It is doubtful, however, if each of the  
2,500,000 farmers could find the histori-  
cal "three acres and a cow." It is just  
as well not to deceive ourselves in re-  
spect to such matters, and is doubly im-  
portant we should not deceive others.

The Times' explanation that Mr. Bod-  
well probably meant to say something  
other than he did is a flimsy excuse at  
best. Before the meeting at which he  
disclosed his remarkable agricultural  
and financial policy, it was understood  
his speech was being carefully prepared  
and would be a supreme effort on his  
part. Before publication it was again  
carefully revised. After these precau-  
tions, what are the public to believe,  
when informed that what he said and  
printed and what he really intended to  
convey are amazingly different proposi-  
tions. However, Mr. Bodwell is a pro-  
fessional man who probably never seri-  
ously considered whether pumpkins  
grow on trees or in hills like potatoes,  
and cannot really be expected to know  
what he is talking about when he treas-  
sures on agricultural topics.

The second defeat of the sewer by-  
law will prove a great disappointment  
not only to the promoters of the scheme,  
but to all citizens having the health  
and welfare of the city at heart. The  
improvement was asked for by an in-  
fluential body of ratepayers, including  
some of the largest real estate owners  
in the city, upon whom the greater por-  
tion of the necessary taxation would  
have fallen had the by-law carried, and  
its defeat must therefore be attributed  
to the smaller land holders who would  
have scarcely felt the increase. It is  
understood that the petitioners under-  
took to defray the expense of submitting  
the by-law, but under the circumstances  
the City Council might very properly  
waive the enforcement of such agree-  
ment.

## CANADIAN PIG IRON.

Its Advent on the Scotch Market—Expor-  
tation of Ore.  
From Glasgow Herald.  
The announcement that steamers have  
been chartered to bring several thousand  
tons of pig iron from Cape Breton to Glas-  
gow—in addition to the 20,000 tons or so  
that have already been received here—  
gives fresh point to the discussion  
on the ore supply, regarding which we  
printed some communication last Monday.  
These shipments from Canada are looked  
at very differently from the now conside-  
rable parcels which are being sent both to  
England and Scotland from Germany. The  
competition of German pig iron is of a  
sporadic, not to say spasmodic, character.  
It is not due to healthy industrial devel-  
opment in the Fatherland, but to financial  
stress, and it will come to a natural end  
without hurting any but the German pro-  
ducers. Last year the competition of Am-  
erican pig iron was regarded with some  
anxiety, because whilst it was known to

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be the result of over-production in the  
States, it was not known how long it might  
last, nor how far it might be carried in the  
new American craving for a large export  
trade. The Canadian competition here is  
the product of an entirely new industry which  
is only in its infancy, but which can be  
developed almost indefinitely. Not much  
attention need be paid to the fact that a  
vessel which recently brought a cargo of  
pig iron from Nova Scotia to Scotland has  
gone back to Cape Breton with a cargo of  
Scottish iron. Only the other day a steamer  
brought a cargo of German iron from Scot-  
tish and went back with a cargo of Scotch  
iron to the same port. Such incidents are  
among the "sports" of commerce, and are  
easily understood by those who know that  
the term iron covers a number of widely  
different materials.

With the reduced quantity of ore import-  
ed this year, and with the reduced yield  
of that ore, the output of pig iron in the  
United Kingdom will be considerably less  
than that of last year. But as the require-  
ments of our foreign customers have been  
greater here has been plenty available for  
home consumers, notwithstanding the in-  
significant quantity in the public stores.  
The phenomenal feature of the year is the  
great shrinkage in the demand of Germany  
for our iron, and the export of German  
hematite iron to this country. It is partly  
owing to the absence of the usual German  
demand that Cleveland iron has sunk to  
11s. per ton under Scotch iron—another  
phenomenon of the year for which Canada  
must also be held partly accountable. It  
seems as if Canada were destined to control  
the iron markets in the near future, though  
not the immediate future. One may live  
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the best equipped furnaces at Pittsburgh can  
do. And the furnaces of Cape Breton are  
close to an Atlantic seaport, which the  
Pittsburgh furnaces are not.

By the aid of the bounty granted by the  
Dominion government, the smelters of Nova  
Scotia can export their pig iron at a price  
which is lower than that of the best  
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Commander Richardson Clover, U.S.A.,  
whose ideas have been broadened by his  
stay in London as a naval attaché, has  
made a frank if uncomplimentary state-  
ment in regard to the iron industry of  
this country. The Commander says: "We  
would stand no show at all in a conflict with  
most of the European nations, and we ought  
to get over the absurd notion that we have  
in regard to our invulnerability. The En-  
glish deprecate their progress while we ex-  
aggerate our own. At the same time we  
do not fool the foreigners, who know us for  
just what we are."

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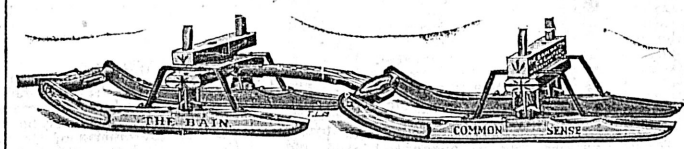
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## Victims of The Storm

Wreck Sighted by the Duke of Fife Is Probably the Old Vesta.

Santa Clara Fast—Minnie E. Caine a Wreck—Bankburn's Escape.

The steamer Duke of Fife on her arrival from the Orient yesterday morning reported having sighted the wreck of a three-masted schooner, evidently newly painted, lying on the shore between Cape Beale and Carmanah. While this was being reported, the schooner Santa Clara was seen from the Duke of Fife. The Santa Clara was a three-masted schooner, which has been in that position three years, that was seen from the Duke of Fife. The Santa Clara was a three-masted schooner, which has been in that position three years, that was seen from the Duke of Fife. The Santa Clara was a three-masted schooner, which has been in that position three years, that was seen from the Duke of Fife.

The steamer Queen City is due from the West Coast today, and will be brought by her sailing the identity of the wreck. The arrival of the Queen City is being awaited with interest by shipping men for as the gale of last Thursday morning, which was the first of the West Coast, it is expected that she will bring news of other marine casualties. The D. G. S. Quader, which is about to go out of commission for the season, is standing by the arrival of the West Coast steamer in case her services are needed to rescue shipwrecked mariners or assist distressed craft.

WRECKAGE NEAR FLATTERY. From Neah Bay comes news to the effect that a large amount of wreckage is being cast up on the beach south of Cape Flattery, amongst which is a large broken boat, several oars and life preservers, hatchets, broken doors and a portion of a cabin. It is believed that the wreckage belongs to the schooner Vesta, which was wrecked on the beach of Neah Bay, B.C., on the 10th of May, 1898. It may be that these finds are from some other craft that has not disaster during the recent storms, it is not improbable that the wreckage of the Vesta, which was wrecked on the beach of Neah Bay, B.C., on the 10th of May, 1898, is being cast up on the beach of Neah Bay, B.C., on the 10th of May, 1898.

SANTA CLARA STILL FAST. The ship Santa Clara, still fast on the beach, is daily attracting a crowd of spectators and camera men are thick on the nearby beaches. Since the attempts to haul the vessel from the rocks on Saturday morning, which failed, the ship having fallen over on the rocks and punctured a hole in her hull on Friday night at low water, no further attempts have been made to tow her off. Yesterday the crew were engaged in hauling down her yards and lighting her. Her owners, the Alaska Packers

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## Board of Aldermen

Many Matters on Routine Deal With at Meeting Last Night.

The Wood-Sawing By-Law Goes Over For the Present.

The session of the city fathers around the aldermanic board last night was neither a long nor a very important one. Some little time was taken up in discussing the wood-sawing nuisance, there being an evident reluctance on the part of the board to push the matter to a finality this year, which is not so grave a dereliction of duty when it is remembered that this is the 31st of December.

The business of the evening was opened by the returning officer, who reported that 1,193 votes had been cast for the Septic Tank Loan by-law, but that the necessary majority in favor had not been secured. This went on file.

Messrs. Hunter and Oliver wrote stating that they had been instructed by Mr. Justice Walker to say that the Victoria Terminal railway were not taking the usual method followed in expropriating property used and asked that the council see that the law is carried out.

Referred to city solicitor for report.

The secretary of the Board of Trade pointed out that the subscription of the corporation towards the gold purchase guarantee fund had not been called upon and asking that the council give the board an understanding that the guarantee of the corporation was to continue. The writer will be informed that the matter will be recommended to the incoming council.

The secretary of the Department of Public Works, Ottawa, informed the council that the minister had approved of the plans of the proposed Point Ellice bridge. Filed.

From T. C. Sorby came a communication as follows:

Victoria, 28th December, 1901.

To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Victoria.

Gentlemen,—On the 23rd inst. I had the honor of submitting to you a design for a stone bridge proposed to be erected across the Arm at Point Ellice, and in connection therewith a copy of a letter from the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, asking whether the bridge would be a public work, and if so, whether the government would consent to the proposed stone structure. I have forwarded a copy of my design to the Honorable the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, asking whether the bridge would be a public work, and if so, whether the government would consent to the proposed stone structure. I have forwarded a copy of my design to the Honorable the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, asking whether the bridge would be a public work, and if so, whether the government would consent to the proposed stone structure.

This seems a simple solution of the matter, and may lead to a definite question, and, if the alleged approval, and it is manifestly better to ascertain this for certain before leading the ratifiers to further disappointment, and I trust this will commend itself to the council.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant.

THOS. C. SORBY.

Ald. Stewart thought that Mr. Sorby in sending the plans to Ottawa for approval was a little too fresh.

The Mayor pointed out that Mr. Sorby was now opening up the question of a span in the bridge, which point the council had overcome. The council should not countenance negotiations between a private party and the government. The letter was received and

filed, and Mr. Sorby will be informed that the department has actually approved of a bridge without a draw. At the same time the Ottawa authorities will be notified that Mr. Sorby's application has been made without consulting with the council.

The Hamilton Bridge Works Co. suggested that in case new tenders were called for, those for superstructure and approaches for the Point Ellice bridge be kept separate. The committee will look in to the matter.

W. Ridgeway Wilson asked attention to the matter of water rent by meter, through which the consumer was made to pay for water not used. Referred to the water commissioner.

The B. C. Electric railway company wrote to ask what was the time limit which the city engineer had set on the safety of the Point Ellice bridge.

Ald. Beckwith wished it to be distinctly understood that the city gave no guarantee as to the safety of the bridge at any time.

The Mayor reminded the council that the city was largely responsible for the safety of all bridges within the city limits. The city solicitor and engineer will furnish a report on the subject.

REPORTS.

The city engineer reported as follows:

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to submit the following report for your consideration: Communication from Michael Lawless re drainage on Chambers street, between Alfred and Pandora streets, I would respectfully recommend the construction of a small box a distance of 550 feet. Estimated cost, \$75.

Proposition of J. B. Burgess and others re improvement of Chambers street, between Alfred and Pandora streets, I may say this matter was reported upon on August 21st, 1899, the estimated cost of which was \$1,000, the reason being that a large quantity of rock would have to be removed, hence the high estimate.

The city carpenter reports and recommends the construction of the first four mentioned plank walks, the last being, in his opinion, not needed at present. Stanley avenue, east side, between North Chatham and Pembroke, estimated cost, \$37; Cadboro Bay road, south side, from Oak Bay Junction east, estimated cost, \$40; Fernwood road, east side, from Walnut street west, estimated cost, \$37; Belmont avenue, south side, distance of 600 feet, estimated cost, \$78; Cedar Hill road, east side, between Lansdowne road and Edmondson road, a distance of 253 feet, estimated cost, \$450.

C. H. TOPP.

The Finance committee reported accounts amounting to \$2,491.37, which were ordered to take the usual course.

The same committee recommended the payment of \$750, a balance of accounts due in connection with the Duke of York reception committee, \$380 on account of the High School loan, and \$241 in connection with the James Bay recanation fund. All these took the usual course for payment.

Ald. Stewart brought up the matter of the express stand on Yates street, and Ald. Beckwith said that it was understood that the city engineer would have made a report as requested. If the express stand did not injure the block-paving there was no need for the council to act arbitrarily in the matter.

BY-LAWS.

Before these matters were taken up, Ald. Yates said he understood that Ald. Williams had had a copy of the Municipal Juvenile Offenders act, and he wished to know when the matter of a curfew law might be expected to be up for consideration.

Ald. Beckwith—"Curfew" shall not bring tonight—there's more rope for the boys.

The wood sawing by-law was then taken up and Ald. Yates stated that the action of the by-law was to prohibit entirely the sawing of wood on the streets at any time within the city limits. The present by-law was not workable, and while he did not altogether approve of the by-law it was necessary to have some law governing the matter. Sawing might be allowed outside the fire limits.

Ald. Beckwith said that many had signed the petition to the council under the impression that the council proposed to stop machine sawing and let the Chinamen continue. This was altogether wrong.

Ald. Kinsman did not propose to vote for the by-law as was an interference with individual rights.

Ald. Williams reminded the council that by doing away with machines it would simply mean more Chinese would be required to cut the wood.

Ald. Cameron did not favor the by-law as it was drawn too broad. The majority of the council were opposed to wood-cutting on the streets in the fire limits, but no vote had been taken on even this.

On the motion for the second reading a vote was taken and names asked for when it was found that Alds. Kinsman and Williams were the only ones opposed to the by-law in toto.

The council then adjourned.

AGAIN DEFEATED.

Sewerage Loan By-law Suffers Same Fate as on Last Occasion.

The by-law to borrow \$100,000 for the purpose of installing septic tanks in different parts of the city, submitted to the ratepayers for the second time yesterday, was again defeated, the vote being 644 against 547.

As it requires a three-fifths majority, the by-law was defeated. The voting by wards was:

For. Against.

North Ward ..... 297 269

South Ward ..... 141 125

Central Ward ..... 205 149

Total ..... 644 547

Considerable work was done by the supporters of the by-law and the cause of the defeat is hard to discern.

FRED'K WARDE AS THE MOUNTBANK

Good Performance of D'Ennery's Drama Given By Clever Company.

After a season of quietude theatregoers were attracted to the Victoria theatre surrounded by one of the strongest companies he has ever gathered around him, offered for the initial performance of his engagement the translation of D'Ennery's four-act romantic drama, "The Mountbank."

The leading role, William "Melpheor," is one of which Mr. Warder secured many triumphs. It afforded him fine opportunity for displaying his abilities, for in the character of the butler he runs the gamut of the passions. In one instance it is the absurd buffoonery of the mountbank, the next the treacherous pathos of the heart-broken deserted father, or again the vengeful victim of a villain coming into his rights. In each phase Mr. Warder acted well his role, so much so in the pathetic scenes that when the glare of the lights flashed up after the curtain descended the glamor showed many ladies quickly hiding the handkerchiefs which had been in use but a moment before.

The audience was not a large one, but it was as appreciative as though every chair had been filled, and there was loud applause which did not subside until the curtain had been raised a second time.

Miss Annette Ashton has the role of Madeleine, wife of the Mountbank, and although there is a slight tendency to overdo her part, she showed considerable ability and the stage, and a scene particularly that strong tableau in the fourth act in which she is called upon to deny her husband to save him from death. Miss Mary Warder, as the villainous Mrs. Mountbank, gave a very clever and clever performance, which endeared her to the audience. Miss Virginia Drew Trescott had the dual role of Madame Catherine and Madeleine's sister Vermandois, and she acted well in both.

Mr. Barry Johnson as the Duke de Montezon was clever indeed and he gave a finished performance, while Mr. Hamilton Coleman as his nephew, the Viscount Hecquel, also showed himself a finished actor, his mimicry and the eccentricities of the Duke being very clever. John E. Hynes as Fanfarana the Mountbank's assistant performed well his role, and the villain of the piece, Charles D'Ennery, as Lavrennes was as villainous a villain as any in the villain business, in fact the company was a well balanced one, and each character well taken. The play was well staged and costumed, and times being not only lavish, but historically correct. The scenery, too, was good.

Tonight Mr. Warder and his company will be seen in Julius Caesar.

BRITAIN'S COAL SUPPLY

Commission Appointed to Make Investigation.

London, Dec. 29.—A royal commission has been appointed to inquire into the coal resources of Great Britain. The commission is composed of seven members, and includes the chairman of the coal trade, the heads of the big colliery companies, prominent engineers and geologists. William Lawless-Jackson, M. P., is chairman of the Great Northern Railway company.

A similar commission was appointed in 1875, and in 1871 delivered an opinion to the effect that the supply of coal to the depth of 4,000 feet was 90,206,000,000 tons.

It is estimated that during the 30 years from 1871 to 1901, inclusive, the British output of coal was 5,205,000,000 tons, a rate of exhaustion far in excess of that assumed by the royal commission and due to the enormous increases of its output. If the rate of doubling the output in 30 years be maintained, the end of the present century will see the exhaustion of British coal fields.

INVITED TO WRITE OPERA.

Vienna, Dec. 30.—The Fremdenblatt this morning contains a statement by Buggiero Leoncavallo, the operatic composer, confirming the report that in 1894 Emperor William invited him to write an opera on the novel entitled "Roland and the Blue Bird," which Leoncavallo, known under the pseudonym of Wilhelm Alexis, owing to the composer's ignorance of the German language he had to have the novel translated. This necessitated a delay of some three years, which displeased Emperor William. The emperor has since graciously accepted the composer's explanation of the delay.

Leoncavallo says the opera will be finished and produced in Berlin next winter.

TO FIGHT RAILWAY CONSOLIDATION.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 30.—A special from Helena says Governor Toole is actively preparing for the conference of Northwestern governors to be held in this city to decide upon plans to block the proposed consolidation of the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Burlington roads. The meeting today will be merely a conference at which the governors will endeavor to formulate a plan for united action.

If there ever was a specific for any one complaint, then Carter's Little Liver Pills are a specific for indigestion, and every woman should know this. Only one pill a dose. Try them.

## Some Stock Was Saved

Straightening Out Things in Spencer's Arcade—The Damage.

Thanks to Members of Fire Department and Others Who Assisted.

Now that the water has run off, and the air tight heaters erected after the fire have partially dried the floors and ceilings, it can be seen that considerable of the big stock in Spencer's Arcade was not greatly damaged by fire and water on Saturday night. Still the loss will be a heavy one, probably reaching \$150,000. As stated in the Colonist Sunday morning, the stock was valued at about a quarter of a million dollars, these figures being uniform with the inventories were made over yesterday. The millinery and novelties are a total loss; the same might be said of the upholstering and carpet departments, while the clocks suffered greatly. The dressmaking and alterations the only dress saved was a wedding dress that had been wrapped up preparatory to being delivered to the owner. The boots and shoes and haberdashery were also badly damaged, and in the other departments more or less damage was done by smoke where water did not reach. The total insurance is \$130,000 on the stock; \$80,000 on the building, and \$20,000 on the building. What amount the insurance companies will have to pay of course will have to be decided by the adjuster and probably valuers. Mr. Gazzan, of Seattle, is to act as adjuster and he will arrive by this morning's steamer. It may be that a settlement can be reached immediately, but if not valuers will have to be appointed, and the whole stock gone over, which means a couple of weeks work. The insurance is divided as follows: Stock—Aetna, \$20,000; Liverpool, London and Globe, \$10,000; British-American, \$5,000; Caledonian, \$5,000; Commercial Union, \$5,000; Connecticut, \$10,000; Imperial, \$5,000; North American, \$10,000; National of Ireland, \$7,500; North British, \$5,000; Norwich Union, \$7,500; Phoenix, \$7,500; Phoenix of Hartford, \$2,500; Phoenix of Brooklyn \$7,500; Queen, \$5,000; Union, \$7,500; Scottish Union, \$5,000; Anglo-American, \$5,000. Another policy of \$5,000 expired about six weeks ago. On the building the Western held two policies of \$5,000 each, the London Assurance one of \$5,000; Commercial Union one of \$5,000; the latter company also held the \$10,000 policy of the fixtures. The furniture of the Alexandria club, which was destroyed, was insured for \$400 in the Connecticut. Mr. Henry Watson, of the White Horse, whose stock was damaged by smoke, was insured for \$25,000 in seventeen different companies. It will require an adjuster to decide what he is to receive.

In connection with the fire it was stated in the evening paper that a lot of Klondike goods were destroyed in the fire. Mr. Spencer had no such goods in the Arcade, the few that were left over from the Northern having been sold. Mr. Spencer desires to thank those who so kindly assisted him during the fire on Saturday night, and especially Messrs. C. B. Redfern, Capt. John Irving and Mr. Stewart, who in fact all those who assisted. To the fire department he expressed his thanks in a substantial manner, sending them a check for \$50 with the following letter:

Chief Watson:—Dear Sir,—Enclosed please find \$50 as an expression of our appreciation of the efforts of the fire department in saving the Arcade building from destruction on Saturday night. I am, dear sir, Yours truly,

D. SPENCER.

Mr. A. Spencer, who was on his way East to purchase goods was caught at Winnipeg by telegraph and is returning home.

During the progress of the fire somebody broke open a box in the Alexandria club rooms and stole the money therefrom. It is supposed to have contained \$50.

HOTEL BURNED.

Another of the hotels along the line of the E. & N. railway, the Quamiekan, situated in Dunsmuir station, was destroyed by fire yesterday. The blaze started about noon and burning the building to the ground. The hotel was a large frame affair and was built about 15 years ago. The fire started in a stove-pipe in one of the upstairs rooms becoming dislodged. There was no way of controlling the fire so those on the ground devoted their attention to saving as much of the furniture as possible. The building was insured for about \$3,000.

CLAIM SETTLED.

The insurance companies have paid Mr. Phillips, the Government street clothier \$1,000 for the damage his stock suffered in an incipient blaze last week.

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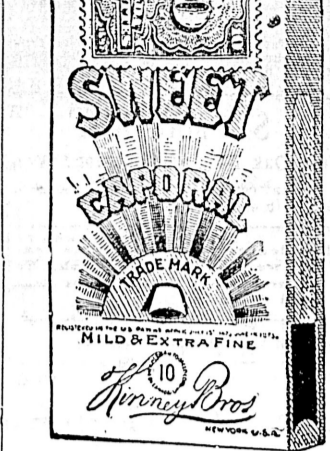
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Over a Hundred Yukon Claims Secured—John Grant An Inspector.

The Grand Forks (Y. T.) Miner says: "We hear on good authority that over a hundred claims consisting of the Britannia, Ruby and Empire group, on the Conglomerate belt, have been bonded to Mr. Hepburn of Victoria. He is leaving for the outside to bring in machinery and expert hand rock miners to open up the property. The machinery in the main consists of diamond drills, but as soon as anything is shown up, it is his intention to install the necessary plant on the bank of the Indian river."

The same paper says John Grant has been appointed inspector under the new cumbersome quartz mining protective ordinance. John deserves well of the Liberals; he has been a hard fighter and merits the place, now that he is out of the active fighting arena, and has been denied his permit.

FATAL RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

Freight Train Runs Into a Rock—Three Men Missing.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Dec. 30.—Two men are missing and one badly injured, an engine and four cars are at the foot of an embankment, the other cars are wrecked, and a hundred feet of track are torn up, as the result of the collision with a massive rock by a westbound freight train on the B. & O. railway at No. 3 tunnel, near Long Run, early today. The engine struck the rock, which had rolled down from the hill just when the train came out of the tunnel. Two men are missing, Fireman A. R. Hill and Brakeman E. B. Patman, both of them. They are probably dead beneath the wreck. Engineer Hope Gouley, of Grafton, was seriously injured that he will probably die. Heavy rains loosened the rock.

SWEPT INTO THE SEA.

Enormous Damage and Loss of Life Caused by Waterspout.

Tangiers, Morocco, Dec. 29.—A waterspout has swept the coast of Saffo, Morocco, sweeping everything into the sea. A hundred persons are reported to have been drowned. There are no Europeans among the dead. The damage to Saffo is enormous. Saffo is a fortified seaport town of Morocco. It has a population of 12,000, including 3,000 Jews. It is enclosed by massive walls and has a palace and a small fort.

TO PURCHASE PALESTINE.

Basle, Switzerland, Dec. 29.—The Zionist congress now in session here has resolved to establish a fund of £200,000 to be devoted to the purchasing of land in Syria and Palestine. Collections for this fund will be made in all the countries of the world. The congress also decided to form organizations in various countries to promote the objects of the present congress and to hold biennial congresses.

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